

Every one of them will be glad to hear from you, not only as a subscriber to his paper, but as a contributor to its columns. Not a successful farmer lives in this country who is not full of ideas, and a little courage on your part in writing, not what you think so much as what you know, and a single idea of yours may find its way to every farmer in the land. This is one thing that has rendered Massachusetts so much our superior in farming; the farmers communicate their knowledge to others thus making the editors of papers their obedient servants. If you have raised a better piece of corn than your neighbors, write out your mode of cultivation, and carry it to the printing office. Don't be afraid of the black imp with the cloven foot that stands at the printing press. Find the editor as soon as possible, deliver him your message, keep an eye on the aforesaid black imp as you retreat, and leave with the expectation of seeing your article in the next week's paper, to benefit thousands of others.

Too many of our very best farmers are afraid of themselves in this respect. In my travels among this class of men, I frequently meet with the farmer whose thoughts are as good as the best newspaper, but yet who is not aware of it.

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Did time allow, I might suggest to you a multitude of topics for your consideration as progressive farmers. The planting of orchards, where your land is suitable; a regard for the quality of stock rather than the size; the improvement of every kind of seed; a careful watch of natural phenomena that appear before storms; the suitable mixture of various soils; the cheapest and most durable fences; the value of painted over unpainted utensils and buildings; the propagation of forest trees in some locations; the ravages of insects and their remedy; the study of scientific agriculture, such as in

Great Britain has enabled twenty millions to subsist on the soil that eighty years ago could support but nine millions; the better manufacturing of butter and cheese, though your ladies can now make them most excellent; the more extensive cultivation of roots; on the breeds of stock adapted to your respective locations; the introduction of labor-saving machines; the construction of barn cellars and manure sheds; the composition as well as the right decomposition of manures; a sketch of what would constitute a complete farm, with the kinds of manures adapted to the different soils; the rise and use of underdraining; the renovating and manuring of old orchards; the best possible kitchen at the least expense; the keeping of farm accounts so as to show the most economical way whereby labor and capital can be invested. It would be pleasing to discuss with you the condition of farmers' wives, so that they might be a help-meet indeed, and yet not be compelled to drag out their lives in hopeless drudgery in order to fulfil the duties that press upon them. The construction of the kitchen so as to save the steps of that woman you pledged to love, might demand attention. I would like to take a walk with you into that pasture of yours, and see if it could not be improved in such a way as to support double the number of cattle that it now does; the planting of ornamental trees by the road side; the construction of your school house. I would like to step into yours and see if some improvements could not be made there; and lastly the fencing and adorning your cemetery lot, where some fond object of your affection perchance already lies, and where you anticipate your final resting place."

A Talk with Farmers' Daughters.

The following sensible talk, we clip from the correspondence of the *Practical Farmer*. We advise farmers daughters